DeKalb History Center

Vee Simmons Collection

Scope and content: The Vee Simmons Collection contains photographs, slide presentations, books newspaper clippings and mementoes of Dr. Vee Simmons.

Provenance: Gift of Dr. Vee Simmons, March 2002, ACC# 2002.22.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Reproductions of photographs and permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; Vee Simmons Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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Size: Five total: 1 document box, 3 oversized museum cases and scrapbook and photographs stored in a 1 scrapbook box.

Biographical Sketch of Sadie Vee Simmons: Dr. Vee Simmons was born in Jackson, Mississippi and began her teaching career in Trion, GA in 1951. She began teaching in Decatur in the fall of 1955, eventually serving as superintendent from 1975 until 1986, when she retired. She earned a doctorate from the University of Georgia and a master's from Emory University. In 2000, Vee Simmons was chosen as a City of Decatur Hometown Hero. She was active in her church, Grace United Methodist, including serving as chair of the board of Grace Academy, chairman of the board of trustees for five years and as head of the building committee when expansion of the campus took place. She also volunteered for ten years at Fernbank. She is published in the Elementary School Journal with Donald Ross Green of Emory. *Chronological Age and School Entrance* was published as part of her master's degree from Emory. Dr. Simmons passed away in July 2022.

Description: The Vee Simmons collection includes a photocopy of the Decatur Board of Education Minutes from 1902 to 1904, correspondence including congratulatory letters on Dr. Simmons' acceptance of Superintendant of Schools in 1974, newspaper clippings, photographs and short and long versions of a slide presentation on Effective Schools, including a cassette of an audio track. There are also books given and autographed by Daisy Frances Smith, who was a principal in the Decatur Schools system at Girls' High School.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main entry: Simmons, Sadie Vee

Subject/Added entries:	Decatur (GA) Decatur City Schools (Decatur, GA) Elementary School Journal Green, Donald Ross Glennwood School Emory University Smith, Daisy Frances Smith, D.F. Daves
	Smith, D.F. Daves

Folder List

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Box	Folde	r Contents	Dates
1	1	Decatur Board of Education Minutes, photocopy	1902-1904
	2 3	Correspondence	1966-1974
	3	Miscellaneous; photocopies of items removed to	
		Museum storage space	
	4	News Clippings	1959-1988
	5	Photographs	
	6	Programs	1986
	7	The Report Card – Spring 1983-Winter 2002	1982-2002
	8	Slide Presentations and unused slides	
Books: <i>A Fig and a Fither</i> by D.F. Daves Smith			1967
	0	Breed by D.F. Daves Smith, with dust jacket, autographed	1956
		Breed by D.F. Daves Smith, no dust jacket, autographed	1956
		es by D.F. Daves Smith, autographed	1981
Two b	lue plas	stic binders with notepads, with Bulldogs logo in silver	
Casset	te tape	labeled Effective Schools Spring 1985	1985
2		Quilt made by College Heights Elementary School student For U.S. Bicentennial	s 1976
3		Two plastic stadium seat cushions, one Bulldogs, one 1968-69 season	
		Brick from the north building of Decatur High school Two buttons for the Basketball team with team photo One for 1981-82 and one for 1982-83	1981-1983
4		Four trophies: Best Boy's Track	1988

<u>Box</u> Folde	er Contents	Dates
4 (cont.)	Decatur Grammar School Track champions	1931
	Legion Trophy Grammar School Track Champions Ponce de Leon School	1934
	National Marble Tournament Champions	1937
5	Room 119, shelf C4, retirement scrapbook 1986 2 oversized photos, one Glennwood school student body And Simmons and Mrs. W.A. Martin, 5 th grade teacher, Introduction of TV in the classroom	1964 n.d.

Print done by former student, Kris Herndon, 1983 (framed)